

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 7, 2007. Claims 24-30 were pending before submission of this paper. Claims 24, 25, 27 and 29 have been amended. Claim 30 is canceled. Claims 24-29 are currently pending. Support for all amended claims can be found in the specification, and no new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on August 23, 2007, during which certain differences between proposed claims and the cited references were discussed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,542,610 issued to *Traw*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,654 issued to *Ikeda*, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0012440 to *Itoi*. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims overcome these rejections.

Claim 24 recites, in part, "the copy control information is changed to copy-prohibited status when the streaming data is retained on the recording medium for playback after transmission and the copy control information is changed to copy-permitted status when the streaming data is deleted from the recording medium after transmission."

In contrast, *Traw* teaches copy control information. (Column 3, lines 31-32). *Ikeda* shows a correspondence between copy restrictions and bit values. (Column 1, lines 29-52). *Itoi* shows deleting content when performing a time shift because the time shifted content need not be retained after reproduction. (Paragraph [0038]). The Office Action indicates that the cited references do not elaborate on how or under what circumstances copy control information is changed.

Claim 24 refers to moving a "no more copy" data stream to another medium by changing the copy control information temporarily while preventing another copy of the data stream from being made. Thus, the claims specifically disclose how and under what circumstances the copy control information is changed.

Neither *Traw*, *Ikeda*, *Itoi* nor any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, teach all of the features recited in independent claim 24. Specifically, *Traw*, *Ikeda* and *Itoi* does not teach "the copy control information is changed to copy-prohibited status when the streaming data is retained on the recording medium for playback after transmission and the copy control information is changed to copy-permitted status when the streaming data is deleted from the recording medium after transmission." For at least this reason, claim 24 is allowable over the cited art.

Applicants have amended independent claims 25, 27 and 29 to recite features that are similar to the features recited in amended claim 24. As discussed above with reference to claim 24, the cited art does not teach or suggest these features. Thus, claims 25, 27 and 29 are also allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons. Claim 26 is dependent on claim 25, and claim 28 is dependent on claim 27. Therefore, claims 26 and 28 are patentable for at least the same reasons that claims 25 and 27 are allowable. Claim 30 has been canceled.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 24-30.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

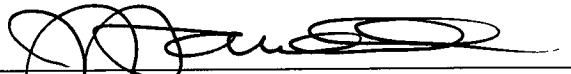
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

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